

Announcement from Assessment & Accountability – Week of February 24, 2014

There are **THREE IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: **1) Secure Site Security; 2) Kindergarten Entry Assessment Fall 2014 Field Test; 3) Spring 2014 MI-Access AMO Window Opening February; and, 4) Dynamic Learning Maps is delaying the window for Field Test #1 by one week.**

1) Secure Site Security

It has come to our attention that school and district personnel are sharing their MEIS login and passwords with the purpose of allowing non authorized users to access the Secure Site.

Under Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Department of Accountability Services is required to ensure that “reasonable methods” are used to protect the rights of student’s education records. Reasonable methods include technology controls meaning role-based access controls for electronic records, such as the Secure Site.

When creating a MEIS account at <https://cepi.state.mi.us/MEIS/Login.aspx> it is clearly stated that “An account **MUST** never be shared.”

If it becomes known that a user has shared their MEIS login and password, the users access to the Secure Site can be revoked or restricted at our discretion.

All users needing access to the Secure Site must get their own access. This can easily be done by logging into the Secure Site with your MEIS login and password and completing the Request Access page. The district administrator for the site will review and approve or deny the request.

2) Kindergarten Entry Assessment Fall 2014 Field Test

Michigan Department of Education’s Division of Accountability Services (DAS) is looking for teachers to participate in the Fall 2014 Field Test of the Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA). Michigan is using the Teaching Strategies GOLD online assessment for its KEA. For more information about Teaching Strategies GOLD online, visit their website at <http://www.teachingstrategies.com/page/GOLD-assessment-online.cfm>. Participating teachers will receive two days of web-based, online professional development prior to the assessment window. Teachers can earn 12 SCECHs for participating in the professional development. The test window is September 2 to October 31, 2014. Teachers must be registered and trained prior to the test window.

Please visit the KEA webpage, www.michigan.gov/kea, for more information about the KEA, to learn more about its many benefits, and to sign up for the fall field test.

3) Pilots and Field Tests Available to Meet Technology Readiness and Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) 20% Participation Requirement

Recently, it has come to our attention that many districts are in various levels of awareness regarding online pilots and field tests that are currently available to satisfy the Technology Readiness and Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) 20% participation requirement to qualify for funding.

As you know, this grant was designed to assist public school district, public school academies (districts), and intermediate school districts (ISDs) in developing or improving technology infrastructure in preparation for the planned implementation of online assessments in 2014-15.

Below is a list of pilots and field tests that are open for school registration:

| Pilot / Field Test | Description | Registration Instructions |
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| Spring 2014 Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot | <p>Schools may pick and choose which pilot tests (grade levels/content areas) they will participate in. The choices include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K – 2 English Language Arts and Mathematics • Grades 3 – 7 Science • Grades 3 – 8 Social Studies • High School: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science, • US History & Geography, World History & Geography, Economics, and Civics | <p>A new survey has been created for schools to register.</p> <p>Due to the overwhelming interest, the deadline has been moved to March 7th. However, schools that register now will need to Pre-ID their own students in the BAA Secure Site.</p> <p>https://baameap.wufoo.com/forms/spring-2014-interim-assessment-pilot-late-reg/</p> <p>If you have questions about whether or not your school is registered for the Interim Assessment Pilot, please contact Matt Ayotte at AyotteM@michigan.gov.</p> |
| Spring 2014 MI-Access FI Social Studies Pilot | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to any student that is assessed using MI-Access Functional Independence in grades 5, 8 or 11 • Based on the EGLCEs and EHSCEs released in 2013 • Will be completely online • Testing Window: April, 2014 (open entire month) | <p>To register: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MI-Access_FI_SS_District_Registration</p> <p>The deadline for registering is February 21st. However, if you need additional time to register or have questions, please email: JaquithJ@michigan.gov</p> |
| WIDA ACCESS 2.0 Field Test | <p>Districts who are interested in field testing the ACCESS 2.0, the online assessment which will replace the WIDA ACCESS, have the following new incentive opportunity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIDA will pay for substitutes (maximum amount to be discussed with WIDA, dependent on number of students participating) to help offset the cost of having regular classroom teachers administering the ACCESS 2.0 field test. • Testing Window: March 3 – June 30 Schools that register at this time will be required to upload their student data for the field test. | <p>Please contact Jennifer Paul at paulj@michigan.gov for more information about this field test opportunity.</p> |

Have Other Questions?

For assessment questions, please email BAA@michigan.gov.

For accountability questions, please email MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov.

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